

## Concept Paper: Building Resilience for Children and Youth in TRIE Communities

### OVERVIEW

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Public Health Solutions, on behalf of the New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), released a Concept Paper outlining a future Request for Proposals (RFP) that will fund services delivered to children and youth (age 5-21) and their families who reside in NYC Taskforce on Racial Inclusion and Equity (TRIE)-designated neighborhoods. Through this RFP, DOHMH intends to support community-based organizations (CBOs) to:

- Expand mental health knowledge, skills, and strategies among staff that will enhance their capacity to identify and address mental health needs among community youth and their families;
- Enhance capacity to identify and deliver evidence-based interventions to meet participant mental health needs;
- Develop strong partnerships with mental health providers to refer youth for services when appropriate and enhance the effectiveness of the CBO referral process to a local mental health provider through strategies such as warm handoffs and service coordination; and
- Coordinate activities, as appropriate, with other TRIE community initiatives.

DOHMH intends to provide \$19.8 million in total funding over three years to up to 33 awardees.

The Concept Paper is available [here](#). Comments are due on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### FUNDING

DOHMH anticipates providing annual grants of approximately \$100,000 per awarded CBO. In addition, DOHMH intends to award approximately \$100,000 annually to each mental health provider selected as a partner by the CBO, for a total of approximately \$200,000 in annual funding per partnership. DOHMH anticipates one award in each of the 33 designated “TRIE neighborhoods” across the five boroughs (see Appendix A). TRIE neighborhoods have been identified as areas with significant racial and economic disparities in health outcomes.

Contracts will last for three years starting on March 1, 2022.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit 501(c)(3) CBOs with experience and expertise delivering high-quality programming to the target population and their families. Applicants should have:

- Strong capacity to effectively recruit, serve, and retain community children and youth in program activities;
- A physical program site where program activities will be focused; and
- Strong capacity to effectively partner with other organizations.

CBOs must designate a local mental health provider who will provide coaching and consultation to the CBO staff and an enhanced pathway for referrals through warm handoffs and service integration. Mental health providers must be Article 31 mental health clinics; however, CBOs may nominate Article 28 health

clinics or Article 32 substance abuse clinics as a second partner. Partners may also include hospitals, substance use providers, or community health care centers with the capacity to deliver the required services.

## Timeline

Comments on the Concept Paper must be submitted to [BRYCP@healthsolutions.org](mailto:BRYCP@healthsolutions.org) by November 8<sup>th</sup>. DOHMH intends to release the RFP on November 16<sup>th</sup> and applications will be due in December.